GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF TURMERIC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Turmeric is a commercially and medicinally useful crop;

(b) if so, the details of extent of land under Turmeric cultivation alongwith quantity produced annually; and

(c) the efforts made to encourage production alongwith arrangements made for its marketing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The area and Production of turmeric are as under:

Area (in hectares)	Production (in Tonnes)
1,42,900	6,58,400

(c): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State` Effort through Work Plan` including a programme Integrated Development of Spices considering Turmeric as one of the crop for promotion of production.

Marketing of turmeric is also well organized under cooperative sector in the major turmeric producing States.